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The House met at 11:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CLAY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

Washington, DC, October 13, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable WILLIAM LACY CLAY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PRAYER

Reverend Benjamin Hogue, Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

God of wonder, God of grace, let streams of Your living justice flow down upon the Earth. You send from Your abundance the people, talents, and resources we need for our daily lives. We are grateful for the work You have set before us and pray that, with grace and understanding, we can come together for the common good. Continue to bless this body with courage, truth, and humility.

Provide care to those who are ill and accompaniment to all those who mourn. Send us to love those most in need of Your mercy. May they find comfort and strength as we open our hearts in compassion for one another.

Grant us grace and reconciliation to ease the hurt in the world. Weave our varied gifts together and help us to find faith in service, hope in others' dreams, and love in the hand of a neighbor. Inscribe our hearts with justice.

We give You thanks, gracious God, for this is the day You have made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 561. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the oversight of contracts awarded by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1952. An act to amend the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 to require the Secretary of State to report on intercountry adoptions from countries which have significantly reduced adoption rates involving immigration to the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3399. An act to amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 967, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. on Friday, October 16, 2020.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, October 16, 2020, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-5430. A letter from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Service, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final priorities, requirements, and definitions — Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education-Open Textbooks Pilot Program [Docket ID ED-2020-OPE-0031] received September 30, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

EC-5431. A letter from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Service, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's Major final regulations — Distance Education and Innovation [Docket ID: ED-2018-OPE-0076] (RIN: 1840-AD38) received September 30, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

EC-5432. A letter from the Supervisor, Regulations and Dissemination, OPDR, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Strengthening Wage Protections for the Temporary and Permanent Employment of Certain Aliens in the United States [DOL Docket No.: ETA-2020-0006] (RIN: 1205-AC00) received October 13, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

EC-5433. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Removing Financial Disincentives to Living Organ Donation (RIN: 0906-AB23) received September 30, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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